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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 6,036,645, dated March 14, 2000, issued to Drost et al.;
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 6,019,724, dated February 1, 2000, issued to Gronningsaeter et al.;
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 6,112,113, dated August 2000, issued to Van Der Brug et al.;
- 4. U.S. Patent No. 6,135,946, dated October 2000, issued to Konen et al.;

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5. U.S. Patent No. 6,004,273, dated December 1999, issued to Sakamoto et al.; and

6. U.S. Patent No. 6,039,695, dated March 2000, issued to Sakamoto et al.

Copies of references 1 and 2 are not being submitted as they were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and references 3-6 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent U.S. serial number 09/732,042 filed on December 7, 2000.

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